

## SUBCHAPTER C—PROBATE

### PART 15—DETERMINATION OF HEIRS AND APPROVAL OF WILLS, EXCEPT AS TO MEMBERS OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES AND OSAGE INDIANS

AUTHORITY: Secs. 1, 2, 36 Stat. 855, as amended, 856, as amended, sec. 1, 38 Stat. 588, 42 Stat. 1185, as amended, secs. 1, 2, 56 Stat. 1021, 1022; 25 U.S.C. 372, 373, 374, 373a, 373b.

#### § 15.1 Cross reference.

For special rules applicable to proceedings in Indian Probate (Determination of Heirs and Approval of Wills, Except as to Members of the Five Civilized Tribes and Osage Indians), including hearings, and appeals relating to such matters within the jurisdiction of the Board of Indian Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, see subpart D of part 4 of subtitle A—Office of the Secretary of the Interior, of title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations, subpart A of part 4 and all of the general rules in subpart B of part 4, not inconsistent with the special rules in subpart D of part 4 are also applicable to such Indian probate proceedings.

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of June 26, 1936, ch. 831, 49 Stat. 1967, 25 U.S.C. 501-509 (1970); Act of Aug. 4, 1947, ch. 458, 61 Stat. 731, 25 U.S.C. 502 (1970) and see 25 U.S.C. 355nt (1970); Act of Aug. 12, 1953, ch. 409, 67 Stat. 558, 25 U.S.C. 375c (1970) and see 25 U.S.C. 355nt (1970); Act of Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 786, 69 Stat. 666, see 25 U.S.C. 355nt (1970); Act of Aug. 29, 1967, Pub. L. 90-76, 81 Stat. 177, 25 U.S.C. 786-788 (1970); and Act of May 7, 1970, Pub. L. 91-240, 84 Stat. 203, 25 U.S.C. 375d (1970)).

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#### § 16.1 Definitions.

(a) The term *Secretary* means the Secretary of the Interior and his authorized representatives.

(b) The term *Bureau* means the Bureau of Indian Affairs, acting through the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and his authorized representatives, including field officials who are responsible for matters affecting properties in which a restricted interest is owned by an Indian of the Five Civilized Tribes.

(c) The term *Field Solicitor* means the Regional Solicitor, Southwest Region, Page Belcher Federal Building, P.O. Box 3156, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101.

(d) The term *Indian of the Five Civilized Tribes* means an individual who is either an enrolled member of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, or Seminole Tribes of Oklahoma, or a descendant of an enrolled member thereof.

(e) The term *restricted interest* means an interest owned in real or personal property subject to restraints upon alienation imposed either by Federal statute or by administrative action authorized by Federal statute. Although this term includes property subject to restraints which may be removed by administrative action, its use in this part refers primarily to property subject to restraints which State courts have jurisdiction to remove in proceedings such as those specified in § 16.2.

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